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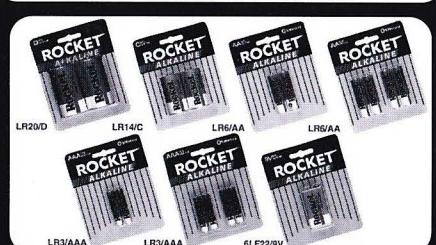
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, players, coaching staff, administration and volunteers, we welcome you to our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Ball & Awards Ceremony.

Tonight is a special night as we say farewell to the old and welcome the new. The past few years have been very historical for the South Melbourne Soccer Club. We have equalled Sydney City's long-standing record of four National Soccer League Championships with the back-to-back titles of 1997/98 and 1998/99. We were also crowned the 1999 Oceania Club Champions in Fiji and, significantly, represented Oceania and, more importantly, Australia at the inaugural FIFA Club World Championships in Brazil earlier this year.

The new millennium presents many new challenges for the South Melbourne Soccer Club. We will have a new coach to replace one of the club's greatest servants in Ange Postecoglou. These are enormous shoes to fill, however, we feel very confident that his replacement will maintain South Melbourne's standing at the forefront of Australian soccer.

The club itself faces the challenge of remaining one of the leading clubs in amidst of the increased demands that all clubs face, particularly with the ever-changing landscape of the National Soccer League. After the 2000/2001 season, the NSL will be relaunched with a smaller number of teams, possibly with further new teams and with the continued increase in the levels of professionalism and the demands that go with these increases.

Whilst it is an exciting time for the game here in Australia, it is also its most vulnerable as well. Many existing clubs are finding it more and more difficult to meet these increases in professionalism and everyone involved in the game must seriously take stock and evaluate where the game really is at the moment, not to mention where it will be in many years to come.

Tonight, however, I would like to acknowledge the support of all our sponsors, beginning with our Major Sponsor, Vivianes Collection (Angelo Bouzis). Their support over the past two years has been most valuable.

I would also like to thank the following Executive Corporate Sponsors: Parthenon Marble (Panos Margaritis), Puma Australia (Warwick Mitchell), General Diagnostic Laboratories (Bill Anton and Peter Gotis), Bob Jane T-Marts (Bob Jane), SmokeFree VicHealth (Dr Rob Moodie), Pacific Car & Truck Rental (Michael Damianos), Rocket Batteries (Lou Vetoulidis and Eddy Bithavas), Southern Motors (George Kotses) and Original Juice Company (Nick Thyssen).

Again, thank you to all those mentioned above, as well as all our other sponsors who have made a significant contribution to the club this season. We look forward to your continuing support for many years to come.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who have contributed to the running of the club, both on match days and during various functions and events throughout the season. Your work does not go unnoticed and we are very appreciative of the support you have given to the club.

Finally, thank you to Ange Postecoglou and good luck in your new position as the National Youth Coach, to Carl Halford, John Kennedy and the Youth Team, all the support staff and to the players for helping make South Melbourne, "The Most Famous Australian Sporting Club in the World".

George Vasilopoulos  
President



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All patrons must note that the South Melbourne Annual Ball and Awards Ceremony  
is a non-smoking event and smoking is not permitted in the Ballroom area.

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- 1 Welcome by Master of Ceremonies
- 2 Presentation of 2000 South Melbourne Youth Team
- 3 Presentation of Coaching Staff Trophies
- 4 Presentation of Sponsors Trophies
- 5 2000 Video Highlights (Part 1) 'Three Years of Brilliance'
- 6 Presentation of South Melbourne Senior Team
- 7 1999/2000 Most Improved Player
- 8 1999/2000 Top Goal Scorer
- 9 1999/2000 Rising Star Award
- 10 2000 Video Highlights (Part 2) Candidates for Best and Fairest
- 11 Toasting of the Best and Fairest
- 12 President's Speech
- 13 Presentation of Sam Papasavas President's Award
- 14 2000 Video Highlights (Part 3) Ange's Farewell

## MENU

Entrée

Rigatoni with spice Italian sausage tossed in tomato and basil sauce

Main Course

Peppered chicken breast filled with mozzarella cheese and prosciutto, chive potato mousseline and butter tossed beans

Dessert

Tiramisu with panforte biscuit

Freshly brewed coffee

A selection of friandise

A selection of teas and herbal infusions

Cheese & fruit

Fine Australian cheeses served with fresh seasonal fruit and water crackers (two plates of each per table)

Beverages

Red & White Wine

Full strength and Light Beer

Soft drink, Orange Juice and Mineral Water

## SAM PAPASAVAS PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The late Sam Papasavas OAM remains the longest-serving President of the South Melbourne Soccer Club. He founded and served as Chairman of the National Soccer League and was a Commissioner of the Australian Soccer Federation.

The ever-increasing popularity and professionalism of Australian soccer stands as a legacy Mr. Papasavas' tireless work and vision over some 20 years of service to the club and to the game he loved. The Sam Papasavas President's Award, presented by the President of the South Melbourne Soccer Club, acknowledges outstanding individual contribution to our great club and/or Australian soccer.

Past Recipients

1994	The Honourable Jeff Kennett	Former Premier of Victoria
1995	Mr. Peter Mitrakas, Chairman Mr. Peter Abraam, Director	South Melbourne Soccer Club South Melbourne Soccer Club
1996	Mr. George Kotses	Southern Motors
1997	Mr. Bill Georgantis, Vice President	South Melbourne SC
1998	Mr. Jim Iliopoulos	Coburg Super Finish
1999	Mr. Ferenc Puskas	Former Coach & Soccer Legend
2000	.....	.....

## A FINAL WORD FROM ANGE

1999/2000 proved to be a season of major achievement and major disappointment. There is no doubt, however, that looking back at this past year will always be remembered as South Melbourne's greatest. I don't want to disregard the fact that we failed in our attempt to defend our Championship, but in my mind, our performance in the World Club Championships eclipse everything else. The South Melbourne Soccer Club is now a credible name and we won the respect of the football community world wide.

As well as achieving results way beyond everyone's expectations (let's not forget that all the experts were worried we would embarrass ourselves and our Country) it was the way we performed that impressed football people at all levels. The players deserve a great deal of credit for being able to perform under extreme mental and physical pressure and overcoming all obstacles with a great belief and determination. Of course our failure on the local front needs to be addressed also and we learnt some valuable lessons this year. I am sure next year we will see a very determined, motivated and wiser squad of players.

This year also signals the end of my reign as senior coach of this great club. It has been four fantastic years that have exceeded my most optimistic expectations when I took over. Three finals appearances, two National Championships, the Oceania Club Championship, Inaugural World Club Championship participants, a new record for consecutive weeks in the top six, unbeaten at home and in Victoria for nearly two years as well as numerous individual achievements by the players and myself and it is no wonder that time has passed so quickly for me. I owe a great deal of thanks to a number of people who supported me and have given everything that I have asked of them beginning with Carl Halford, who worked hard to ensure that everyone (players and staff) understood and followed my beliefs and plans. He was the ideal right hand man in every sense of the word. Les Gelis, our main physiotherapist, also deserves special praise for heading the medical team and for creating new standards of professionalism in his area. Thanks also goes to John Kennedy, David Darbyshire, Jim Dimitropoulos, Joe Nagy, Kon Myriskos, Dr George Haralambakis and all the volunteers who helped out on a daily basis. My appreciation also goes to the office staff for their administration support.

I will always be grateful for the opportunity given to me by the Board four years ago as I know they took a huge gamble by appointing me. Their support and friendship gave me the ideal platform from which to launch my coaching career. Thank you also to the supporters whose passion and enthusiasm, whilst not always positive, was a constant source of inspiration. Finally, to the players with whom I have shared this adventure with, all I can say is what I said to them on the final day "In the end it is all about the journey and the people you share it with and I have been blessed with both". Thank you!

Ange Postecoglou  
Australian Youth Team Coach

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## SOUTH MELBOURNE SOCCER CLUB - Team 2000

Back Row (left to right): John Kennedy (Youth Coach), George Vasilopoulos (President), Steve Iosifidis, Chris Jones, Vaughan Coveny, Robert Liparoti, Con Blatsis, Nick Orlic, Milan Udvaraez, George Goutzioulis, Angelo Bouzis (Major Sponsor - Vivianes Collection), Les Gelis (Physiotherapist), Jim Imitopoulos (Physiotherapist)

Middle Row (left to right): George Haralambakis (Team Doctor), John Anastasiadis, Michael Cureja, Steve Panopoulos, Paul Trimboli (Captain), Ange Postecoglou (Manager/Coach), Fausto De Amicis, David Clarkson, Carl Halford (Assistant Coach), Goran Lozanovski, David Darbyshire (Trainer)

Bottom Row (left to right): Kon Myriskos (Gear Steward), Adrian Cuzzupe, Jim Tsekinis, Richie Alagich, Anthony Magnacca, Mustafa Mustafa, Tas Psonis, Richie Alagich, Joe Nagy (Massuer)

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 Fausto De Amicis (Vice Captain)  
 Nick Orlie  
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 Steve Panopoulos (Deputy Vice-Captain)  
 Vaughan Coveny  
 Paul Trimboli (Captain)  
 Michael Cureija  
 John Anastasiadis  
 Richie Alagich

Adrian Guzzupe  
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 Robert Liparoti  
 Tasos Psonis  
 Chris Jones  
 Rade Culibrk  
 Mustafa Mustafa  
 Andy Vlahos  
 Elias Demourtzides

### THEO MARMARAS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mr. Theo Marmaras MBE is the father of the South Melbourne Soccer Club.

Mr. Marmaras initiated the merger between Yarra Park and Hellenic United in 1959, giving rise to one of Australia's great soccer clubs. He served as inaugural President from 1959 to 1971.

The member of South Melbourne's senior playing squad judged to be Player of the Year will be awarded the Theo Marmaras Award.

#### Past Award Winners

1986	Bobby Russell	1993	Paul Wade
1987	Steve Blair	1994	Steve Tassios
1988	Paul Trimboli	1995	Mike Petersen
1989	Steve Blair / Paul Trimboli	1996	Paul Trimboli
1990	Mehmet Durakovic	1997	Paul Trimboli
1991	Steve Blair	1998	David Clarkson / Paul Trimboli
1992	Mehmet Durakovic / Paul Trimboli	1999	Michael Petkovic

#### 2000 Award Winners

- Most Improved .....  
 Top Goal Scorer .....  
 Rising Star Award .....  
 Player of the Year .....

### NOMINEES FOR THE...

#### 'THEO MARMARAS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD



#### STEVE PANOPoulos

Age:	24
Games:	160
Club Debut:	24 November 1993
Position:	Midfielder
1999/2000 Games:	32
1999/2000 Goals:	3



#### STEVE IOSIFIDIS

Age:	26
Games:	120
Club Debut:	12 October 1996
Position:	Defender
1999/2000 Games:	31
1999/2000 Goals:	0



#### MICHAEL CURCJA

Age:	22
Games:	120
Club Debut:	8 October 1995
Position:	Striker
1999/2000 Games:	28
1999/2000 Goals:	19

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